

CLOSING PLENARY
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION CONFERENCE
EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING
TAMPA, FLORIDA
JULY 09-12, 2002

Conference Chairperson Silky Labie shared some memorable moments experienced during her tenure with NELAC. She thanked her family; the Anteon staff; Conference manager, Dawn Jenkins; and her Florida staff from DEP.

Two committees were recognized by the NELAC Board of Directors for their outstanding work during the past year: the Program Policy and Structure Committee and the Transition Committee. Ms. Labie also thanked Ed Kantor for his outstanding work with the EPAL program.

Ms. Labie introduced incoming NELAC Chair, Paul Kimsey. Dr. Kimsey noted that some big decisions were made during this Conference and that the work was still not over for the Program Policy and Structure and the Transition Committees. The goals for the next year are to assure a smooth transition to a new constitution and a new structure, revitalize the Strategic Plan Recommendations that were developed in December 2001, and work on the NELAC 8i (Santa Fe November 18-21) & NELAC 9 (San Diego, June 1-7 2003) meetings.

Ms. Hankins noted that the Standards and meeting minutes were expected to be published on the website within six to eight weeks. Comments regarding further changes to the Standards for the Interim Meeting are requested to be submitted to Committee Chairs by September 14, 2002.

Ms. Hankins thanked all who attended for their participation and encouraged all to attend the Interim Meeting in Santa Fe.